

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the current application. Claims 1-20 currently stand rejected, and claims 1, 10-12, and 17 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-20 are respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by US Pat 5,691,972 to Tsuga et al. ("Tsuga"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

With regard to claim 1, the Examiner states that Tsuga teaches each and every element of this claim, including title management information including an "entry title defining a title block reproduction start point during a title jump" and a "non-entry title that is skipped during the title jump," by its disclosure of level IDs within PGCs that identify whether the PGC is to be reproduced for a particular parental control level. Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the jump operation "**stop[s] reproduction of video data identified by one of the titles**, and begin[s] reproduction of video data identified by the entry title." That is, the jump operation may interrupt reproduction of a current show and start a different show associated with an entry title, as described in the example of paragraph [0047] of the specification as published. Tsuga, however, discloses skipping between only **whole PGCs** (and **whole VOBs** therein). See Tsuga, Col. 12, l. 6 – Col. 13, l. 33. Skipping PGCs that do

not meet a user-supplied parental control level in Tsuga **occurs only at the termination of a previous PGC** and VOB identified therein and thus cannot “stop reproduction” of the previous PGC since the previous PGC has already terminated when the skip occurs. See Tsuga, FIG. 6 (skipping “to a different PGC” occurring only at the termination of PGC #1-7). Thus, Tsuga lacks the mid-PGC jump operation as recited in claim 1 and the “entry title” and “non-entry title” that uniquely interact with the recited jump operation.

Because Tsuga does not teach each and every element of claim 1, Tsuga cannot anticipate or render obvious claim 1. Claims 10-12 and 17 recite apparatuses and methods configured to create or execute at least the unique features recited in claim 1 and are thus equally allowable over Tsuga. Claims 2-4, 6, 8, 9, 13-15, 18, and 19 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-4, 6, 8-15, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 5, 16 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tsuga. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. As discussed above, Tsuga fails to teach or suggest each and every element of claims 1, 10-12 and 17, and cannot be modified to do so. Thus, Tsuga cannot anticipate or render obvious these claims. Claims 5, 16, and 20 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the

rejection to claims 5, 16, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-20 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ryan Alley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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